## Sister was innovator in Catholic health care

Mary Concilia Moran, a sister of Mercy who gained international rec-ognition as a religious leader and in-novative contributor to Catholic health care, died Jan. 7 in the Catho-rine McAuley Health Center, Ann Arbor, after a long bout with cancer. She was 59.

Sister Concilia, a sister for 36 years, will be remembered as a plo-neer of the sponsorship concept and mission effectiveness programs in Catholic health care.

At the time of her death, the Penn-sylvania native was senior vice pres-ident, Mercy Health Services, a Farmington Hills-based nonprofit lealth care system sponsored by the Province of Detroit.

She was best known as the young-She was best known as the young-est administrator general (at age 40) of the 6,000-member Union of the Sisters of Mercy, an amalgamation of nine provinces spanning the Unit-ed States and parts of South Ameri-ca. She served 1971-77.

She also was past president of the Federation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, a 10,570-member group formed by all Mercy commun-

A FORMER provincial administrator of the Province of Scranton, based in Dallas, Pa., ahe will be renembered as one of the strongest proponents of the new institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, which will unite the inle Union provinces with 16 other Independent Mercy congregations in the Western Hemisphere.

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She joined Mercy Health Services, one of the largest health care systems in the United States, in the late 1970s. She worked closely with other religious communities and health care organizations to share resources and assure a strong Catholic health care ministry. health care ministry.

As a young girl growing up in Har-risburg, Anne yearned to be a sister, because they "seem to have a lot of fun." She chose to become a Sister of Mercy because she wanted to be a and the Mercys had lots of

Before pursuing a ministry in nursing, Sister Concilia taught elementary students in Pennsylvania.

For seven years, she served as director of the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Johnstown and director of nursing at the hospital. In 1969, she became administrator of Mercy Hospital, Johnstown.

SISTER CONCILIA held many administrative posts, including the board of Mercy International Health Services, Farmington Hills. She was the spirit behind the international gathering of the Sisters of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland, on the 150th anniversary of the founding of the order in 1981.

Sister Concilia won many honors, including for distinguished service to the Catherine McAuley Health Center, for vision and leadership on the Special Committee on Affiliation-Mercy Health Care System and for honorary membership in the Michigan Catholic Health Association for outstanding dedication and service.

She won the 1989 Sister Mary Maurita Sengelaub Award, present-ed annually to a person whose con-tributions to the healing ministry of the Sisters of Mercy are in striking harmony with the life and works of



Sister Concilia

Catherine McAuley, the first Sister of Mercy.
Her survivors are her brottler, Joseph Moran, of Harrisburg; her sister, Mary Frances, Carisbad, N.M.; and eight nices and nephews. Donations may be made in Sister Concilla's name to the revitalization of Baggot Street, Dublin, as a world-wide House of Mercy, or to the Sisters of Mercy Rettrement Fund in care of Sister Mary Denny, RSM. Provincial Administrator, Sisters of Mercy, Province of Scranton, Box 369, Dallas, PA 18612.

### Baby arrives early

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"When I learned it was a maternity run, I followed along. I've done this before, but not that often. Deliveries at home happen very selont," he said.

"They were all very supportive to me and my husband, and there sure were a lot of them (paramedies and firelighters) — six all told in my bedroom," the infant's mother said.

"We were happy they were there to help us, and they were the reassure me everything was line with the baby as soon as she was born."

born."

Kathleen Houllhan, better known as Katie, is a registered nurse who works in the operating room in St.

### Buckle up kids, residents told

Farmington's public safety department is urging residents to remember to buckle up their babies when driving, as part of a national "Buckle Up: Your Child and You" of Transportation statistics, 600 children are killed in car crashes each year, with an additional '14,000 suffering various injuries.

More than half of these could have been prevented or minimized with safety belts or similar restraints, said public safety director Frank Lauboff.

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because she was suffering from the flu.
"I was resting and drinking plenty of liquids, just as I was told to do, when I told my husband he had bet-ter call 9-1-1," she said.

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# School kids learn from King's life

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"Then, I'm asking the teachers to reinforce the message," said princi-pal Sue Johnson. "I think it will go over well." Johnson said she expect-ed many individual classroom dis-

cussions.

At Wooddale Elementary, principal Dave Coffin said he had handed out a brief history and information sheet on King, and expected teachers to integrate the information into their activities. He said the entire school would observe a moment of silence following today's Pledge of Atleglance.

LEADING INTO the King holiday at Gill Elementary was an informa-

tional presentation, including cos-tumes, last week called "Escape to Michigan" — the tale of the under-ground railroad system, which helped slaves escape to freedom. "We talked about it (the holiday) as a staff," said principal Michael Duff, "Individually in classes, there's a lot going on."

going on."
One Gill class is illustrating mem-One Gill class is illustrating memorable quotes from King. Another is using the "I Have a Dream" speech as a project, and kindergarteners are making "freedom" pins as part of their learning.

The staff at Flanders Elementary today has a schedule full of learning about civil rights and the King legacy, "We have it in every classroom," said principal Frank Delewsky.

"They're reading biographies, some are making booklets, others are writing stories. It's really a conglomeration. Every class, without exception, is doing something."

One room at Flanders is doing role playing through a "segregation game." Others are making their own "dream pickegs" relating to King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

SECOND GRADE teachers at Highmeadow Common Campus are working with a team teaching ap-proach, said principal Jan Colliton. They will do group projects relating to civil rights, structure paragraphs using facts about Martin Luther King and create books and timelines relating to the civil rights move-

ment. Using the "I Have a Dream" theme, students will create a dreammobile, where they will "write dreams they have for their lives, their community and their world," Colliton said.

At William Grace Elementary, principal Dick Close explains his school's approach: "All the classes talk about Martin Luther King, what a special man he was, and what he did for the advancement of people."

Principals at Beechview. Wood Creek and Forest said they have encouraged reading and discussions throughout their schools. Superintendent Michael Flanagan sent letters to each school, encouraging the staffs to acknowledge the holiday in a special way.



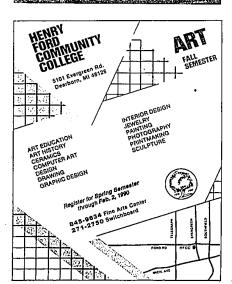


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